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BRENTWOOD MAN SENTENCED FOR THREATENING THE PRESIDENT

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE - United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced that Elijah Wallace, 19, of Brentwood, New Hampshire, was sentenced today in the U. S. District Courthouse in Concord to 33 months imprisonment for mailing a communication containing a threat on the life of the President of the United States. He was also sentenced to serve 3 years of supervised release upon his release from prison.

Wallace was sentenced after pleading guilty to mailing a letter to Channel 9 News on or about February 16, 2002, in which he expressed a desire to shoot the President with a rifle at point blank range. The letter also contained additional statements such as "everyone in this pathetic government must be executed."

The United States Attorney's office recommended that Wallace be designated to a Bureau of Prisons Medical Referral Center so that he could receive treatment for a personality disorder that contributed to the commission of his crime. The District Court accepted this recommendation and requested that Wallace be sent to a medical facility.

- U. S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "The United States Attorney's office will vigorously prosecute those individuals who make threats against the President of the United States. At the same time, the United States recognizes that some individuals commit these serious crimes while suffering from a mental impairment. In those cases, we will seek to protect the public by having the individual confined, but we will also endeavor to get the individual treatment for that impairment."
- U.S. Attorney Colantuono expressed his appreciation to the United States Secret Service for its swift and effective action in addressing the threat made in this case. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Don Feith.